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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

NOJI, EIZO

Examiner

Anton B. Harris

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 May 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 2 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 2 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 10/673,257.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Noji (JP 09-322371).

Regarding claim 1, Noji (abstract) discloses a cable box characterized in that rectangular metallic radiating plates 7, dimensioned and shaped so as to touch a transversal inner surface of a foursquare metallic pipe, are transversely arranged inside the foursquare metallic pipe 2 to divide the inner space of the metallic pipe 2 and house foursquare synthetic resin-made tubes A, B, C piled one on another within thus divided compartments (figure 6).

Regarding claim 2, Noji (abstract) discloses a cable box characterized in that rectangular metallic radiating plates 7, dimensioned and shaped so as to touch a transversal inner surface of a foursquare metallic pipe, are transversely arranged inside the foursquare metallic pipe 2 while partition plates (figure 6) are longitudinally arranged, monolithically forming the radiating plates 7, the metallic pipe 2 and partition plates (figure 6) at touching ends to divide the inner space of the metallic pipe 2 into compartments and house foursquare synthetic resin-made tubes A, B, C piled one on another within thus divided compartments, thereby placing the radiating plates 7 at the bottom of the synthetic resin-made tubes A, B, C to house power cables (figure 1).

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Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments filed 14 March 2005 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Regarding Applicant's argument that the metallic partition disclosed in Noji (JP 9-322371) is not used as a radiating plate, Examiner agrees. However, the limitations of the "metallic partition" disclosed in Noji (JP 9-322371) and the "metallic radiating plates" in claims 1 and 2 are not structurally different. A recitation with respect to the manner in which a claimed apparatus is intended to be employed does not differentiate the claimed apparatus from a prior art apparatus satisfying the claimed structural limitations. Therefore, the rejection is maintained.


Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anton B Harris whose telephone number is (571) 272-1976. The examiner can normally be reached on weekdays from 8:30am to 5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. Dean Reichard, can be reached on (571) 272-2800 ext 31. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

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